

MALPF Board Open Meeting Minutes January 28, 2020

II. ADDITION / DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

N/A

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cable updated the Board briefly on the status of HB17, the two-year appraisal bill, which is working its way through the legislative session. In hopes and anticipation that the bill will be passed, Ms. Cable asked the Board to form a committee to prepare a policy recommendation for implementing the bill, if it becomes law on July 1, 2020. If the bill is passed, MALPF needs to be ready to implement it immediately with the new FY21 easement applications that will be due on July 1, 2020. Ms. Herr-Cornwell volunteered to be on the committee, with no other Board or County staff volunteers. Ms. Cable will reach out to County Program Administrators to request participation.

Mr. Hayes formally introduced MDA's newest Assistant Attorney General who will serve as counsel for the MALPF Board, Mr. Michael Steadman.

Ms. Cable reminded the Board that their ethics compliance reports are due in April.

IV. EASEMENT AMENDMENTS

A. FREDERICK COUNTY

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| 1. | File #10-87-06A | Winterbrooks Farms, LLC | ~95 acres |
| | File #10-92-03 | Winterbrooks Farms, LLC
(Huffman, Taylor & Brandon) | ~100 acres |

Request:

Landowners request approval for the following agritourism activities:

1. Have a roadside farmstand; and
2. Events: Great Pumpkin Run, Strawberry festival and Sunflower festival and
3. Yearlong agritourism operation (including pumpkin patch, corn maze, farm animals, hay rides, learning barn, selling Christmas trees, cider, and donuts).

Recommendation:

After reviewing the request and considering the criteria set forth in COMAR 15.15.07.03 and considering the historical relationship of the requested activities to farming, Staff recommends approval subject to notice to the landowners that any approvals by the Foundation for the requested activities shall not be construed as to override any local planning, zoning or other statutes and regulations affecting the property.

Ms. Chasse introduced the item. Mr. and Ms. Huffman were available to address the Board.

Motion #2: To approve the agritourism activities, as requested.

Motion:	Klasmeier	Second:	Colburn
Abstained:	Huffman		
Status:	Approved		

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| 2. | File #10-88-02 | Freeholdings, LLC
(Free, Joseph & Eleanor) | ~148.8 acres |
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Request:

Request for a 5-year extension to the validity of the preliminary release for the approved child lot. If approved, this will be the second extension for all this release, which expires on June 30, 2020.

Recommendation:

Under COMAR 15.15.06.05.B.2, Staff recommends approval for the extension.

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Motion: Jones Second: Colburn
Status: Approved

2. File #21-90-10 Wiles, Charles & Martha ~188 acres

Request:

Request for a 5-year extension to the validity of the preliminary release for the approved child's lot for Melissa Wiles (Lot #3), through June 30, 2025.

Recommendation:

Under COMAR 15.15.06.05.B.2., Staff recommends approval for a 5 year extension.

Ms. Cousins introduced the item.

Motion #7: To approve a 5-year extension to the validity of the preliminary release for the approved child's lot for Melissa Wiles (Lot #3), through June 30, 2025.

Motion: Huffman Second: Jones
Status: Approved

V. NEW AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENT PETITIONS:

VI. PROGRAM POLICY

- A. Re-Certification Request from Prince George's County.

Recommendation:

Prince George's County's land preservation program complies with the requirements under COMAR 34.03.03 and has proven to be consistently effective; therefore, MALPF staff recommend, and MDP has approved, recertification for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023), with a possible extension for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025) once new regulations are in place to implement HB620 (2018 legislative session).

Ms. Chasse presented the item. Ms. Herr-Cornwell provided the Department of Planning's agreement and recommended approval. Ms. Nutter was available to address the Board.

Motion #8: To approve Re-Certification Request from Prince George's County land preservation program under COMAR 34.03.03.

Motion: Jones Second: Colburn
Status: Approved

- B. Baltimore County – Revisions to Ranking

Request

Baltimore County requests approval of its Ranking System.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Turner presented the item. Ms. Benjamin addressed the Board explaining the changes of the ranking system.

Motion #9: To approve the revisions to the Baltimore County Ranking System.

Motion: Wood Second: Jones
Status: Approved

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TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- A. Approval of January 28, 2020 Closed Session Minutes
- B. Status Report of Pending Legal Issues
- C. FY 2020 Round One Offers

Respectfully Submitted:



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